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August 23th Message to the Oak Park Community

Dear École secondaire Oak Park High School students and families,

We are very pleased to hear that students will be returning to full-time in-person learning this coming school year. While things are trending in the right direction with vaccination rates and lower Covid case counts, we are not done with Covid just yet. Safety will continue to be top-of-mind as we start this school year.

The first day of school for students will be on **Wednesday, September 8**th. The morning will have grade 9 and 10 students attending from 8:30-noon. Grade 11 & 12 students will attend in the afternoon from 1:10-3:30pm. The daily timetable will be compressed into a half-day to enable students to connect with each of their teachers on the first day. The focus on Day 1 will be on safety procedures, routines, relationship building, well-being, and celebrating the return of our students! Our regular daily schedule will start on Thursday, September 8th.

We would also like to welcome vice-principal, Mme Girardin, to the Oak Park community! Mme Girardin will be taking over for Mme Labossiere and will be leading the French Immersion program this year. Mme Girardin has taught in multiple schools in both middle and high school, has high school counselling certification and experience, and is coming to us from Acadia Junior High where she had the role of vice-principal. We look forward to having Mme Girardin and her experience and positive energy at Oak Park!

In order to maintain clear communication, we will continue to publish these community messages periodically and post our them on our website and Edsby. We also encourage students and families to follow Oak Park on Instagram (oakpark_raiders) and Twitter (@OakParkHighNews) as we frequently post updates on this platform. Expect additional information in the coming days as we prepare for opening day!

Please note that our office will officially be opening on Monday, August 30th if you have additional questions. We can't wait to see your children back in school and are looking forward to a great year of learning, reconnecting, and community building!

On behalf of the Oak Park Administration Team,

Troy Scott Principal





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Daily Schedule: Monday to Friday

As shared last spring, the daily schedule has been standardized across all the high schools in Pembina Trails School Division for the coming 2021/22 school year. This is great because the division decided to follow the Oak Park schedule! Our periods are now numbered. Please note that there will no longer be a late start to classes on Wednesday mornings. This schedule will remain the same from Monday to Friday.

Period	Time
1	8:30-9:40
2	9:40-10:50
3	10:50-12:00
4	12:00-1:10
5	1:10-2:20
6	2:20-3:30
7	3:30-4:40 **limited after-school classes

Course Changes

Students were already given an opportunity to make changes to their timetables in June. Therefore, the only timetable change requests that can be accommodated at this point are the ones that directly impact graduation. For example, a missing required course such as English Language Arts, Math, or Physical Education. A Microsoft Form will be sent out later in the week for parents requesting changes to fill out. Our school counsellors will start reaching out to students on Wednesday, September 1st.

1st Day Schedule & Grade 9 Orientation – Wednesday, September 8th

Morning (8:30-12:00): Grade 9s & 10s: The daily timetable will be condensed into a $\frac{1}{2}$ day to enable students to connect with all their teachers. See schedules below.

Period (Time)	Topics Covered	
Period 1 (8:30-9:30)	Students will report to their first scheduled class.	
Period 2 (9:35-10:05)	Throughout the morning teachers will review safety	
Period 3 (10:10-10:40)	protocols, return-to school information will be shared,	
Period 5 (10:45-11:15)	student council will give school tours (grade 9, new	
Period 6 (11:15-11:45)	students), and course introductions will occur.	





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Afternoon (1:10-3:30): Grade 11s & 12s

Period (Time)	Topics Covered	
Period 1 (1:10-1:40)	Students will report to their first scheduled class.	
Period 2 (1:40-2:10)	Throughout the afternoon teachers will review safety	
Period 4 (2:10-2:40)	protocols, return-to school information will be shared,	
Period 5 (2:40-3:05)	and course introductions will occur.	
Period 6 (3:05-3:30)		

Safety

The current provincial plan for high school students is to return to daily instruction and prepandemic class sizes. As a high school, we benefit from having many of our students being vaccinated. However, additional safety measures will continue to be implemented to further enhance safety in our building such as:

- Masks have been mandated for all students, employees, and visitors to Pembina Trails buildings and buses. Please refer to the <u>Pembina Trails Divisional Mask Update</u> for more information. Students are expected to bring their own masks, but the school will continue to provide masks for those who arrive without one.
- Large scale gatherings such as assemblies will be limited to 50% room capacity.
 However, we will do our best to avoid large group gatherings or hold them outside for the foreseeable future.
- Students will continue to follow the 'rules of the road' (walk on the right-hand side of the hallway) when moving through the school.
- Immuno-compromised students with supporting documentation will be eligible for InformNet courses. Families will require updated documentation for the coming school year in order to qualify. Please contact the school for more information.
- In anticipation of the start of the year being somewhat altered due to Covid, we scheduled lunch in semester 1 for grade 9s & 10s in period 4 (12:00-1:10) and for grade 11s & 12s in period 3 (10:50-12:00). This will help minimize crowding at lunch.
- There are 4 wall-mounted water bottle filling stations throughout the school. Students are strongly recommended to bring water bottles as mouth pieces remain capped.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures will remain in place throughout the day and evening.
- There are 30+ hand sanitizing stations throughout the school.

School Logistics

Parking: There will be a limited number of parking spots available for students this year. A link for parking sign-up will be sent out to students via Edsby and emailed to parents the week of August 30th.

Lockers: We will return to having lockers again this year for those students who would like one! More details will be sent out the week of August 30th.





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School fees: A Permission Click form will be sent to parents shortly to collect various fees for the 2021/22 school year.

School Supplies: Unlike early and middle schools, Oak Park does not provide a supply list for our students. Students will require an adequate supply of pens, pencils, binders and paper. We also recommend a water bottle with the student's name on it. Teachers will connect with students on the first day to specify any course-specific supplies required. This reduces the cost for parents as comprehensive school-wide supply lists are not required for most courses.

Doors open daily at 8am and the cafeteria and library will be available for students who arrive early.

Cafeteria: Will continue to run daily from 8am-2:30pm. The cafeteria will operate at 50% seating capacity to start the year.

Lunch: For semester 1, students in grades 9/10 have been scheduled for lunch period 4. Students in grades 11/12 have been scheduled for lunch in period 3. This will allow more room for students to spread out in common areas and support physical distancing at lunch. In semester 2, the tentative plan is to return to a common lunch for all in period 4. However, this will be dependent on where things are at with the pandemic.

Transportation: Pembina Trails buses and Winnipeg Transit charters remain operational.

Changerooms: Will be available for student use this year.

Athletics: Will resume in September under the guidance of the *Return to Play* plans for each individual provincial sporting organization. We are currently working with our coaches to get our full slate of fall sports going! We will share more information with you in the coming weeks.

Edsby

Semester 1 courses have been uploaded into Edsby for the 2021/22 school year and students can now see them. Returning students can log into their Edsby accounts using their current Pembina Trails credentials. New students to Pembina Trails will be able to get their username/password from the library on the first day. The library will also be available for any students that require support with the login process.

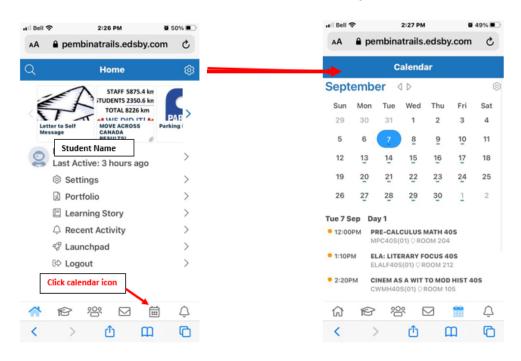
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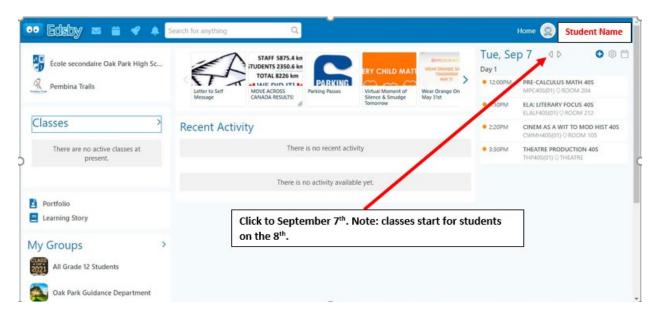


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Student View: Smart Phone- Click on the calendar icon and then scroll to September 7th. Note: September 7th is a school administration day and classes start on September 8th.



Student View: PC- Scroll to September 7th. Note: school starts for students on September 8th!







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Parent View: PC

